



In a new book of prose and photography, Michael Katakis examines the impact of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

## Vietnam

A war remembered in poetry,  
a wall in prose and photos

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goodbye to a friend he hoped wouldn't be there. He found he was one of virtually thousands of others conducting similar private searches. And he found his friend — a name and a memory on a black, gleaming wall.

Then he spent months haunting the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., photographing ghostly reflections of the sorrow and joy, the chaos and peace, the greetings and goodbyes of those who visit.

His black and white photographs, taken in all seasons at all hours, each tell a story. But what that story is, like any intensely personal moment, is open to the interpretation of the viewer.

The book is enhanced by short quotes from people he met at the Wall and a longer passage about the friend he went to find.

He writes of standing in front of a coming year. These exhibits will remain in a major permanent exhibit on the history of the Church is completed.

Galleragoers can put on headsets and listen to music while studying slides featuring computer images of cities around the world.

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